

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2789 - HB 3212

February 17, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds offenses of aggravated rape of a child, sexual battery by an authority figure, and statutory rape by an authority figure to the list of offenses a person convicted of may petition for production of evidence in possession of the State for the purpose of DNA analysis.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$134,000/One-Time
\$87,500/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Correction, currently there are 68 offenders in state prisons for these offenses.
- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) currently has 20 forensic scientists who perform DNA tests statewide. These scientists are able to process an average of five cases per week. According to the TBI, in order to perform the additional DNA tests and process the relevant information, one additional forensic scientist position would be required at a recurring cost of \$87,537 which reflects salary of \$49,400 plus benefits of \$17,937, and \$20,200 for professional services, supplies and other related operating costs.
- According to the TBI, the Bureau would also need to purchase one additional genetic analyzer at a one-time cost of \$125,000 plus an additional \$9,000 for other related supplies. The total one-time expenditures would be \$134,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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